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The IDS lists three patent documents. Two of the documents are publications of Japanese patent applications. The Japanese publications are JP 05 137090 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.) and JP 07 281293 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corp.). Copies of these two publications are enclosed, along with copies of English translations of their abstracts and specifications.

All documents listed in the IDS were cited in a supplementary European Search Report (“ESR”) established for the European regional phase application corresponding to this U.S. national stage application. A copy of the ESR is enclosed. The indications of relevance of the documents cited in the ESR are with respect to the claims in the European regional phase application, and those claims differ somewhat from the claims in the U.S. application. For reference, we enclose a copy of the claims searched in Europe.

The ESR cites three U.S. patent documents in addition to the two Japanese documents. Only the first of the three cited U.S. patent documents—US 2003/107676 A1 (Jang)—is listed in the IDS. A copy of the document is not enclosed. The other two U.S. patent documents—US 2002/118299 A1 (Kahn) and US 5,410,415 A (Parulski et al)—were listed in an IDS submitted with the request to enter the application into the U.S. national stage on January 17, 2006.

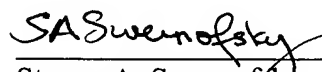
At the present time, the applicants submit that the listed documents, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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